

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as shown below in marked-up format.

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~~The invention is a~~ comprehensive method of early warning of litigation that includes gathering data from internal and external sources and reviewing potential litigation issues from the gathered data. The user may consult with outside counsel to obtain specialized assistance in selected issues. Based upon the data found, the user determines whether an issue justifies an Early Warning System Alert to the decision makers in the business. ~~If issuing an Early Warning System Alert is justified, monitoring of follow-up action on the issue is performed. If an Early Warning System Alert is not~~ justified, it is determined whether the issue justifies an Emerging Issue Report, a warning device for risks of less significance. If justified, the Emerging Issue Report is issued and tracked. ~~If litigation on an issue occurs, the response is done in a traditional litigation manner but risk assessment, within a pre-determined time frame and consideration of early dispute resolution is required for every matter. A computer program implementing the early warning method includes data searching systems and tracking and monitoring features of the early warning method. In addition the computer program permits the comprehensive early warning system to issue the Early Warning System Alert or the~~ Emerging Issue Report.